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ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1991

MARGARET ROSARIO-RIVERA
CHAIRPERSON
HILDA ROSARIO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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WALTER A. OLIVERAS, ESQ.
RICHARD RAMIREZ
EVELYN SEDA-LEQUERICA, M.D.
DELIA SOSA
NOEMI VELAZQUEZ

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT

Hector Alamo
Carlos Alma
Gene Calderon
Elvin Crespo
Agustin Cruz
Samuel Delgado
Walter Oliveras
Margaret Rosario-Rivera
Noemi Velazquez
Yolanda Morales
Elsa Nunez-Wormack
Delia Sosa

MINUTES

ABSENT

Dennis Alvarado
Betty Ayala-McGovern
Louise Lester
Martin Martinez
Richard Ramirez
Evelyn Seda-Lequerica
Angel Millan

ASPIRA Staff: Itala M. Mansilla, Director of Development

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Waiver of Notice

Every Board member indicated that they were duly notified of the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

November minutes were reviewed. Walter Oliveras stated that on page 8 first paragraph-the sentence, "and the dilemma of the Hidden Agenda", should read as follows: "She proceeded to inform the Board about the first SAB meeting and the agenda that was developed."

Carlos Alma stated that on page 2, paragraph 4, last sentence, it should read: "Carlos Alma seconded the motion."

Carlos Alma stated that on page 3, under old/new Business - 2nd paragraph it should read that the issue concerning Mr. Avile's resume for Board consideration was tabled.

Walter Oliveras moved to approve the minutes.
Gene Calderon seconded the motion.

3. Chairperson's Report

Margie Rosario-Rivera discussed the following:

a. She participated in a Newark Education Council meeting. NEC is an advocacy group. Margie Rivera-Rosario spoke about the need for Educational excellence. NEC would like ASPIRA to become more active with their organization.

b. On January 23, 1992 there will be a National Board Retreat. It will be held from January 23, 1992 to January 26, 1992 at ETS.

The aim of the retreat is to develop a National Alumni Association. Margie Rosario-Rivera asked the Board to submit names of Alumni to attend the National Board Retreat. They prefer someone that is not actually involved with ASPIRA, on the Board nor on staff.

4. Executive Director's Report

Margie Rosario-Rivera read Hilda Rosario Report.

- On November 17, 1991 ASPIRA held an open house for the Parents. It was a success.
- Hilda Rosario met with Becton Dickinson regarding possible funding for the Paterson Center. The Board wanted to know why Becton Dickinson stopped funding ASPIRA.
- Hilda Rosario met with Nabisco Brands, Inc. regarding funding for the Math & Science Program.
- Prudential agreed to co-sponsor the Luncheon. With a sponsorship of \$5,000. PSE&G is on hold.
- Roberto Del Rios attended the Minority Male Conference in Atlantic City.
- Agustin Cruz & Hector Alamo did a great job at representing the students in different panels.
- Hilda Rosario was interviewed on Buenos Dias NY. A spanish talk show on Channel 41.
- On December 4, 1991 there was a Careers Day Conference at William Paterson College.
- On December 5, 1991 Hilda Rosario met with Roger Masch to discuss the Endowment Foundation. There are issues that need to be addressed before the application process can be completed.

5. Program's Committee

Walter Oliveras reported.

Walter Oliveras stated that the Programs Committee was not able to meet.

-He stated that there will be a Programs Committee meeting on December 14, 1991. The following issues will be addressed.

1. Continue monitoring of the SAB.
2. Monitoring, implementation of present & new programs.

3. Creation of an ad. hoc committee to monitor & assess programs presently in place.

Elsa Nunez-Wormack stated that the evaluation has to be an evaluation for the entire agency ETS would assist us with the evaluation. Margie Rivera mentioned that Richard Ramirez was asked and agreed to chair the agency's self assessment effort.

Walter Oliveras wanted the Board Members to attend student related functions and if necessary give feedback to the Executive Director or Chairperson of the Board.

Margie Rosario-Rivera stated that there is no problem with the board attending these activities. She stated that she would like a list of activities for the January Board Meeting.

SAB Report

Hector Alamo reported on the workplan the SAB has put together. Sam Delgado suggested to Hector Alamo to add to the report an evaluation assessment of activity, at the individual activity level.

Walter Oliveras commended Roberto Del Rios on his work with the Programs Committee.

Walter Oliveras suggested that the SAB have fund-raising activities county wide to attract more students.

5. Finance Committee Report

Elvin Crespo reported.

- The purchase of 390 Broad Street is going well.
- ASPIRA signed a lease with the White Lung Association.
- There is possibility of renting the Basement for storage space
- The Covenant House lease will be extended.

6. Development Committee

Sam Delgado and Margie Rosario-Rivera presented.

Sam Delgado reported that 4,500 letters were mailed for the Ad Journal.

15th Annual Luncheon 1991.

Date : March 4, 1992

Where: Quality Inn Newark.

Time : 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Theme: Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

Potential keynote speakers

Dr. Joseph Fernandez not available.

1. Dr. Elsa Gomez - Kean College
2. Ricardo Fernandez - Lehman College
3. Isaura Santiago - Hostos Community College

The Board discussed each speaker that remained on the list. It was the consensus of the group that we ask Dr. Elsa Gomez from Kean College to be our Keynote Speaker. If she's not available, followed by Dr. Ricardo Fernandez.

Yolanda Morales asked if the SAB can participate in the Luncheon activities and to what extent. It was explained that the Development Committee is responsible for the planning of the Luncheon and to the extent possible SAB members will be considered as invitees. The student speaker has been selected and she is Olga Montero, ASPIRANTE of the Year. Any suggestions made will be considered for the 1993 Annual Luncheon since the process is already in place.

Margie Rosario-Rivera stressed the importance that all Board Members attend the Luncheon.

The issue of the pins being sold at the Luncheon was discussed and tabled until the Development Committee meets and submits its recommendation to the Board. Carlos Alma will follow up.

Gene Calderon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Walter Oliveras seconded the motion.

* NOTE: PLEASE BE REMINDED that the ASPIRA Board will meet on January 2nd, 1992 at 7:00pm.